और उसे प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ किए गए अनेक नीतिगत उपायों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं :

(क) सरकारी क्षेत्र के लिए आरक्षित उद्योगों की सूची में से लोहा और इस्पात उद्योग को हटाना।

(ख) लोहा और इस्पात उद्योग को अनिवार्य लाइसेंसिंग के प्रावधानों से छूट देना।

(ग) विदेशी निवेश के उद्देश्य के लिए प्राथमिकता वाले उद्योगों की सूची में लोहा और इस्पात उद्योग को शामिल करना।

Modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant

2144. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the investment made in the expansion and modernisation of integrated public sector steel plants during Eighth Plan;

(b) the details of the expansion took place in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(c) the money spent on the modernisation of that steel plant in Eighth Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has invested an amount of Rs. 6935.30 crores on the modernisation of its plants at Durgapur, Rourkela and Bokaro during the VIII Plan.

(b) The modernisation project of Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) of SAIL is being implemented in two phases i.e. Phase I and Phase II. Major production facilities of Phase I have already been completed. Major production units of Phase II are in advance stage of completion except modification of Hot Strip Mill and Reheating Furnaces which are likely to be completed by September, 1997 and October, 1998 respectively.

(c) and (d) An expenditure of Rs. 3125.52 crores on RSP modernisation project has been incurred by SAIL during VIII Plan as detailed below:

Year	Expenditure (Rs. cores)
1992-93	350.88
1993-94	457.07
1994-95	870.63
1995-96	869.98
1996-97	576.96

Import of Steel products

2145. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of steel products imported during the current financial year till date;

(b) the expenditure incurred on this so far;

(c) the names of the agencies those who have imported these products; and

(d) the names of the countries from where these products have been imported?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Estimated financial steel imports during April-June '97 is 0.41 million tonnes.